

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Please cancel claims 2, 12, 13, 22, 27, and 28.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 3-11, 14-21, 23-26, and 29-32 are now pending in this application

Claims 1, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gurtler. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 which was indicated as allowable. Claim 21 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 27 which was also indicated as allowable. Claims 23 and 29-30 depend from amended claim 21. Accordingly, claims 1, 21, 23, and 30 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 22, and 28 have been canceled.

Claims 24, 25, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gurtler as in claim 22. Claims 24, 25 and 26 now ultimately depend from claim 21 and are allowable for at least the same reasons stated above for claim 21.

Claims 2-9, and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As discussed above, claims 1 and 21 were amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 27 respectively.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 10-20, 31, and 32.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 27, 31 and 32 are currently being amended. Claims 3 and 6 were amended to depend from claim 1; claims 14, 15, 31 and 32 were amended to depend from claim 11; and claim 23 was amended to depend from claim 21. Claim 17 was amended to correct a typo.

Claims 10 and 17 were further amended to more particularly claim the invention.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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